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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

WOMAN'S WORLD.

A CALIFORNIA WOMAN WHO OPPOSES THE SUFFRAGISTS.

Woman's Capabilities—Equal to the Emergency—Women In Kansas—Did Not Cheat In Voting—Seasonable Hints to Women Young and Not So Young.

The San Francisco Examiner reports the fourth and last lecture of Miss Ray Frank, under the auspices of a number of prominent Jewish ladies of that city. A portrait of Miss Frank and the concluding remarks of her address are here reproduced:

"Now let us see if the ballot is the remedy for all the terrible evils the suffragists have told us about. The home is the acknowledged basis of the state. If woman is given the ballot, the home becomes divided—it has two heads. Who will tell me that a home can have two heads? There never has been a government, either great or small, which had two heads and was free from contention. If woman has the right to vote, she has the right, also, to run for office, and in this case she would certainly be successful at the polls, for in every com-



Mrs. Frank. Community she numbers greatly in excess of man. Would woman trust woman? Let us imagine a woman president of the United States at such a time as the world is now in. What would she do? How many women in the land, suffragists included, would have felt safe with the thought that such a question was in the hands of a woman?

"The suffragists have told us that women will not be able to manage a clean house because it is dirty work, drudgery, and something that man would not do. But nobody will tell me that is a whit harder than their husbands' name. The children, John and Mary, say, of Peter Johnson, are known as John Peterson and Mary Peterson. They are a good family and make good for the care of their children. I have often wondered when the suffragists were going to talk about the rights of children instead of their rights.

"They say they are denied the opportunity men receive, but this is not so. That is true, but that is of a character which most of these suffragists shun. It is the profession of a trained mother. Too many women of those who have descended to become mothers do not know how to manage a home.

"It is a wonder that when we should expect to hear, on the heels of the cry for woman's rights, an appeal

for the rights of children.

"If woman wants to remedy all the ills and evils she is heir to, she should begin with herself. She has not a necessary aid in that direction. We are not ready for suffrage yet. Does woman ever stop and seek herself for what man is laboring daily and grinding his purse? It is because he likes to toll and brag about his wealth. It is because he has a wife and may be a good man at home and he wants to see them thrive and be happy. He does not build costly residences for himself alone. If he is unmarried, he builds no home at all. Home is the thought uppermost in the average married man's mind. If it is an evil, then woman is to blame herself."

Woman's Capabilities.

Rev. Lyman Abbott told a good story of a club of women in which he was reading the parable of the virgin, one of their number acting as interpreter. Observing a smile shading over the faces of these sartorial pupils, he stopped to inquire the cause of their amusement. The discovery was then made that in the Indian tongue there is but one word for husband and wife, but one for bridegroom and husband, so that the story that reached their ears through the interpreter was that ten maidens lighted their lanterns and went out to look for a husband!

This is one of the common conception of woman's education. She went to school that she might learn to trim wicks and light her lanterns, that she might better look for a husband. Consequently her culture, if so it might be called, became practical or ornamental.

Woman is primarily to be educated to be a wife and mother, but no less is man to be educated to be husband and father. The ratio of good wives far exceeds that of good husbands, and as, after all, the absolute precludes the relative fitness of coeducation, on lines of equality, become apparent. There are specific duties for man, and these to be these duties of technical ends or those of citizenship. Men and women live in the same world, two or more of them in the same house, and often enough the same interests dominate their lives. The man of the age is bound to those without division of knowledge, this for man; that for woman. The sciences are open books to each, the thoughts of great men, the literature of all nations. If man can learn to language foreign to his vernacular, a wom-

an can accomplish the same in the same length of time. We are all in the same boat, and we must all learn navigation in these days of piloting for oneself. New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Equal to the Emergency.

There is many "marvelous quartz dashes" in the lives of the absent-minded, when the results of their lapses in memory are brought home to them. Little Mrs. A., who had been charmingly entertained at Chicago on the way down the other day to meet one of her quondam hostesses on the street, and asked her to dine a couple of days later. Then, as luck would have it, she entirely forgot the engagement, proposing to her husband that they should go to the theater instead. To this, the situation was referred.

Women's Clubs Prohibited.

This from poor old, off-the-stick in the mud China. It is from an edict recently issued by the governor of Kwang-Chau Fu:

"Women's clubs are hereby prohibited. This is well known that in the districts where the Chinese are concentrated, female population has a high rate of matrimony. In consequence our **Qing** persons who are married remain here from their homes the greater part of the time at their clubs. Should the man demand his wife to return home by force she kills herself and her husband relishes to grieve. Thus are men deprived of their wives. I do therefore order that these clubs be closed, and that the married women stay at home. This edict is to go into effect within a month. Rebellious wives will be taken home by a policeman."

"You are going out?" exclaimed the laundress. "I am sure you forgot all about me."

Mrs. A., of course, protested, secure in the knowledge of the elaborate nature which she knew would soon be served.

"But you have your hat on," persisted the edict.

"I shall tell Mrs. D. that you took her latest Parisian headdress for a hat," laughingly returned Mrs. A. with calm merriment, and her guest had the tact to believe, or to appear to believe, the explanation.—New York Herald.

Women in Iceland.

Women take part in all sorts of political meetings in Iceland, says a W. C. T. U. woman who has just returned.

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What She Does.

The up to date girl—she is a personification of the modern woman—lives it slightly. Shoots rows and fences equally well belongs to hosts of clubs and can make a good speech.

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